



**Lancaster Theological Seminary and Southeast Conference, United Church of
Christ, TAP (Theology Among the People) Program presents:
Joint Global Theological Education Immersion Trip to Thailand
January 3 ~ 21, 2012
Sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation**

APPLICATION

Due June 3, 2011

Name (exactly as it appears on passport): _____

Name you prefer to be called (if different): _____

Valid Passport #: _____ Expiration date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: Home) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Work) _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Cell) _____ Race: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

Position (e.g. church member, pastor, seminary student): _____

Current TAP participant? Yes _____ No _____ TAP graduate? Yes _____ No _____

Occupation: _____

Education: _____

Do you have access to email and high speed internet connectivity? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have experience with on-line (e.g. webinars) learning platforms? Yes _____ No _____

What previous overseas experience do you have? (Please describe.)

Do you have health insurance that covers your healthcare needs in another country? Y__ N__

If yes, which insurance company? _____

Do you have any food allergies or health issues we should know about?

Are you able to attend the pre-trip retreat in Lancaster, PA (9/23~25/11)? Yes _____ No _____

Are you able to attend the post-trip retreat in Atlanta, GA (3/9~11/12)? Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Cost of the entire program is \$4000. It includes airfare from Atlanta to Thailand, internal travel, and room & board for 2 1/2 weeks plus the costs associated with pre- and post-trip retreats. Trip participants will receive a \$3000 scholarship and are expected to contribute \$1000 towards the total cost.* In addition, participants must cover any incidental costs (e.g. traveler's insurance, transportation to the Atlanta airport, occasional meals on one's own, and personal expenses). Priority will be given to current TAP participants and graduates. Applicants will be selected based on their application essays. Early application is encouraged.

Applicants must submit a deposit of \$250 of their \$1000 contribution with their application.**

Applications without deposits will not be considered. Checks will be held until participants are selected. The deposit will be refunded only if the applicant is NOT selected to go on the trip.

Please make checks payable to Southeast Conference UCC and put "TAP/GTE" in the memo line.

*Participants are encouraged to approach their local congregations and others to help raise the funds, if needed.

Write your personal statement, integrating the answers to the following questions.

Please write the essay in complete sentences.

Please type, on a separate sheet of paper as needed.

Desired length is approximately 500 words.

1. Tell us about who you are.
2. Why do you want to be a part of this trip?
3. Reflecting on the goals of this program as stated in the cover letter, what do you hope to learn?
4. What particular interest topics do you have about the trip?
5. What views do you have about other religions—e.g. Buddhism, Islam—in relation to Christianity?
6. What views do you have about peace-building efforts?
7. What are your expectations in traveling and learning with seminary students?
8. How would you share your learning experience in your community (e.g. church, association, work setting) upon your return?

Send Application & Deposit to:**
 Southeast Conference United Church of Christ
 1330 W. Peachtree St. NW, Suite 350
 Atlanta, GA 30309
 ATTN: TAP GTE Program in Thailand 2011

**Deposit amount is \$250. Please make checks payable to "Southeast Conference UCC."

For any questions, contact Rev. Sarah Kim at skim@secucc.org.

ALL ACCEPTANCE LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT VIA EMAIL.
 PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS ON THIS APPLICATION.